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Group 1 : Claims 1-3, 4-8 and 45-66 (in part), drawn to a substrate for botulinum toxin serotype A;

Group 2 : Claims 1, 2, 9-13 and 45-66 (in part), drawn

to a substrate for botulinum toxin

serotype B;

Group 3: Claims 1-3, 14-20 and 45-66 (in part), drawn

to a substrate for botulinum toxin serotype

C1;

Group 4 : Claims 1-3, 21-25, and 45-66 (in part), drawn

to a substrate for botulinum toxin serotype

D;

Group 5 : Claims 1-3, 26-30 and 45-66 (in part), drawn

to a substrate for botulinum toxin serotype

Ε;

Group 6 : Claims 1-3, 31-35 and 45-66 (in part), drawn

to a substrate for botulinum toxin serotype

F;

Group 7: Claims 1-3, 36-39 and 45-66 (in part), drawn

to a substrate for botulinum toxin serotype

G;

Group 8: Claims 1-3, 40-44 and 45-66 (in part), drawn

to a substrate for tetanus toxin;

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- Group 9: Claims 68-70 and 78-95 (in part), drawn to a method using substrates for botulinum toxin serotype A;
- Group 10: Claims 68-69, 71 and 78-95 (in part), drawn to a method using substrates for botulinum toxin serotype B;
- Group 11: Claims 68-69, 72 and 78-95 (in part), drawn to a method using substrates for botulinum toxin serotype C1;
- Group 12: Claims 68-69, 73 and 78-95 (in part), drawn to a method using substrates for botulinum toxin serotype D;
- Group 13: Claims 68-69, 74 and 78-95 (in part), drawn to a method using substrates for botulinum toxin serotype E;
- Group 14: Claims 68-69, 75 and 78-95 (in part), drawn to a method using substrates for botulinum toxin serotype G;
- Group 15: Claims 68-69, 76 and 78-95 (in part), drawn to a method using substrates for botulinum toxin serotype G; and

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Group 16

Claims 68-69, 77 and 78-95 (in part),

drawn to a method using a substrates for

tetanus toxin.

Applicant assumes that claim 67, which was not mentioned in the Restriction Requirement, is to be grouped with claims 45 to 66. If this assumption is not correct, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned agent.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1 to 3, 4 to 8 and 45 to 67 (in part)), drawn to a BoNT/A clostridial toxin substrate.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks submitted herein, Applicants respectfully request that the claims of Group I be examined.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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